

Rise to Life! (#3 of 3) April 16, 2017

1) Take some time to discuss how your IC has been and will live out the Kingdom of Jesus together.

- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) What challenged or encouraged you about this message?

3) Read John 20:19-23. What do find interesting about this account of the Risen Christ?

4) Read Ephesians 2:14-17. What does this passage tell us about God? What does it tell us about ourselves and those different than us? How does the Gospel make a difference?

5) What do these passages say about peace? To what degree are you experiencing these truths?

Galatians 3:28

Hebrews 9:14

Philippians 4:7

Colossians 1:20

7) Reflect on John 20:22-23, and Acts 1:8. What are the implications for you and your IC as you seek to experience the Kingdom of Jesus together, wherever you live, work, play, and go?

8) How could you more effectively live in the peace, power, and purpose of Christ? What step is God asking you to take today?

# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
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John 20:19-23 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! <sup>21</sup> Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

• **The Risen Christ can reach us Anywhere.**

• **The Risen Christ meets us in our Fear.** Isaiah 41:10

• **The Risen Christ takes the Initiative.**

**Big Idea: The Risen Christ promises to bring Peace, Power, and Purpose into our lives.**

Ephesians 2:14-17 (ESV) “For he [Jesus] himself is our peace, who has made us [Jew and Gentile] both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.”

- **Peace with God.**
- **Peace with Others.** Galatians 3:28
- **Peace with Ourselves.** Hebrews 9:14
- **Peace with Circumstances.** Philippians 4:7
- **Peace with the Creation.** Colossians 1:20
- **How do you receive this peace?**

John 1:11-12 “He [Jesus] came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”

- **What does it look like to live in the peace, power & purpose of Christ?**

v. 21-22 “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:8

**Sequoia’s Vision: We long to see thousands of people live out the Kingdom of Jesus together, wherever we live, work, play, and go.**